GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1346
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DEVELOPMENT OF DIBRUGARH AIRPORT
Sarma Dr. Arun Kumar

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 420 dated March 1, 2007 regarding Runway Extension Programme of Dibrugarh Airport, Assam and state:

(a) whether the Ministry has handed over the requisite Defence land to Airport Authority of India for development of the Dibrugarh Airport;

(b) if so, the date of its actual transfer;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor stating the time required for completion of each formality from the date of its initiation;

(d) whether the Ministry has completed the process for obtaining alternative land from Assam Government pursuant to the decision taken in the meeting chaired by Minister of State, Defence on September, 11, 2007; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. The requisite Defence land has not been handed over to Airport Authority of India for development of the Dibrugarh Airport as the process relating to agreement on the terms and conditions of transfer of land with the Airports Authority of India has not been completed. There is also no offer as yet from the State Government of Assam on the alternative land to be exchanged in lieu of the defence land.